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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I strongly support the decision to put an end to the Microsoft antitrust litigation. Enough damage has been done. Our economy has obviously been adversely impacted, and it is time for everyone to move on.

In my opinion, this case was brought by the various state attorneys general as a result of greed. This was merely an attempt to bring down a successful company so that the states could each have a piece of the Microsoft pie. I do not believe the plaintiffs would ever be able to prove Microsoft engaged in anticompetitive behavior.

Notwithstanding these beliefs, I am in favor of the Court approving the settlement agreement. The terms of the settlement agreement go far beyond what was initially at issue in the suit. For example, Microsoft has agreed to make it easier for computer manufacturers to remove features of Windows and replace them with non-Microsoft software. Additionally, Microsoft has agreed to not retaliate against software or hardware developers who promote software that competes with Windows, and to not enter into agreements obligating third parties to exclusively distribute or promote Windows. These concessions are more than reasonable, and I support the settlement.

Gareth Dunleavy

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